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PREPARATION FOR U.S. ICE-TRANSITING DELEGATION

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1. AT JANUARY 13 MEETING WITH DR. YE. I. TOLSTIKOV, DEPUTY CHIEF OF HYDROMET, SCICOUNS COMMENTED ON CONTINUING PROBLEMS IN ARRANGING A SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM FOR SUBJECT DELEGATION VISIT TO THE USSR. SCICOUNS NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT PROGRAM PROPOSED BY SCST (REFS A AND B) FOR PLANNED JANUARY VISIT DID NOT INCLUDE SUBSTANTIVE TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES AT HYDROMET'S ARCTIC/ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE WHICH, HE STRESSED, HAD BEEN OFFERED BY SCST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN G.V. ALEKSENKO IN DECEMBER (REF C).

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2. TOLSTIKOV STATED THAT THIS WAS FIRST HE HAD HEARD OF PLANNED USDEL VISIT. SCST, HE CLAIMED, HAD NOT APPROACHED HYDROMET ABOUT ANY ASPECT OF VISIT, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, ACTIVITIES AT THE ARCTIC/ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE OR PARTICIPATION BY SPECIALISTS FROM THAT INSTITUTE IN OTHER PARTS OF USDEL PROGRAM. TOLSTIKOV ALSO OBSERVED THAT U.S. SCIENTISTS HAD VISITED THE ARCTIC/

ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE'S ARTIFICIAL ICE BASIN. FYI. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT YU. N. ALEKSEYEV, A RESEARCHER AT THE KRYLOV SHIP RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN LENINGRAD, HAS APPLIED FOR A U.S. VISA FOR FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 3 TO VISIT THE ARTIFICIAL ICE BASIN AT THE U.S. ARMY COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY, HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE (REF D). ALEKSEYEV WILL PARTICIPATE IN WORKING GROUPU ACTIVITY ON THE TESTING OF SHIPS IN ICE, A PART OF PROGRAM OF THE "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF EXPERIMENTAL BASINS." ALEKSEYEV'S VISIT TO THE U.S. WILL NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE PLACE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ANY OF THE US-USSR SPECIALIZED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENTS. END FYI.

3. COMMENT. TOLSTIKOV SEEMED GENUINELY SURPRISED BY SCICOUNS REFERENCE TO SUBJECT USDEL VISIT, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT HYDROMET INDEED HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF PLANNED VISIT. THE APPARENT LACK OF SCST COORDINATION WITH HYDROMET IN TURN POINTS TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT A DECISION WAS MADE AT A HIGHER LEVEL TO LIMIT SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF PROGRAM TO VISITS TO FINNISH-BULT DIESEL-ELECTRIC ICEBREAKERS. END COMMENT.
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